

## KANSAS WHEAT CROP IS OFFICIALLY ESTIMATED AT 75,576,867 BUSHEL

### REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Topeka, Kan., Aug. 21.—The State Board of Agriculture to-day issued a bulletin relative to the year's yield of winter wheat and the acreage and present condition of growing corn.

The figures, which, while not final, and subject to revision, are considered sufficiently accurate, and show a yield of 75,576,867 bushels harvested from the 5,564,000 acres reported by farmers as sown. The quality is reported most excellent.

Six counties—Barton, McPherson, Reno, Pawnee, Rice and Sumner—exceeded 2,000,000 bushels each. Barton leads by far all the others, with an aggregate of 2,532,737 bushels.

This is the State's third greatest wheat crop, the largest being in 1901, 90,283,000, as reported by the State Board, but given in the Government's report as 90,283,000 bushels, including spring wheat, and the second largest, 77,289,000, in 1902.

The Government's August report estimates the yield as one bushel per acre greater than is given in foregoing.

The area planted to corn is 4,775,975 acres, or about 21,000 acres more than last year. Its condition for the whole State is at this time B. The report of June 9 gave it as B. The Government's August report said B.

## DEAD SALDERS ARE BLAMED FOR BENNINGTON ACCIDENT

Naval Court of Inquiry Reports to Secretary, Recommending a Court-Martial for the Only Surviving Officer Held to Be Culpable—Stories of Gunboat's Boilers Being Defective Declared Without Foundation—Explosion Caused by Excessive Steam Pressure, Resulting From Closing of Valve Connecting Boiler and Gauge.

### ENGIN WADE MAY BE PUNISHED FOR NEGLIGENCE OF DUTY.

Washington, Aug. 21.—Secretary Denham to-day received and, as soon as he had himself read, made public the proceedings and findings of the court-martial which investigated the explosion on the gunboat Bennington at San Diego, Cal., July 21.

The findings were a complete surprise for they at once set at rest the stories that had been circulated to the effect that Bennington's boilers, and perhaps those of other naval vessels of the same age, were defective.

As a matter of fact, the court found the explosion resulted from the closing of a valve which connected the exploded boiler with its steam gauge, so that the pressure on the boiler may have been several hundred pounds to the square inch when the accident occurred.

While praise was accorded to the officers and ship's company for their conduct during the disaster, the court found the explosion was caused by the negligence of the only surviving officer held to be culpable, Ensign Charles T. Wade.

The court consisted of Commodore Stevenson, retired, and Captain E. F. Moore and Captain Thomas S. Phelps. The findings recite the arrival of the Bennington at San Diego on July 19.

The ship was in the state of discipline and in a good and efficient condition, with the exception of her boilers, which were in fair condition, and considering their age (about fourteen years), and the use of which they had been subjected to.

Continuing, the court says: "About 3:20 on July 21, after both boilers had been filled and the furnace started, it was observed that the steam gauge on boiler 'B' showed about five pounds of steam pressure, and at this time Ensign Charles T. Wade, acting as watch tender, directed D. N. Holland, fireman, second class, to close the valve connecting boiler 'B' with its steam gauge."

It was at this time that the explosion occurred, and almost immediately the steam gauge on boiler 'B' was found to be broken, and the pressure on the boiler was found to be about 150 pounds.

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## SORRY SHE SHOT

### MARILEEN MORGAN

Mrs. Beatrice G. Young Says She Was Prompted by Reports of Detectives She Had Shadowing Her Husband.

### REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Aug. 21.—Mrs. Beatrice G. Young, who shot Katharine Morgan, a stenographer, in the Imperial Hotel, on Saturday, in a fit of jealousy, said to-day in the Jefferson Market prison, where she is held without bail, pending a hearing, that she was sorry she had shot the young woman, but she cared, had stolen her husband's affections.

"I had been in my right mind I would not have done it," she declared. "But for several months I have had detectives shadowing her and my husband, and I was, I am sure, prompted by what they reported to me."

When told that the wounded woman's condition was reported to be very much improved, Mrs. Young declared that she was glad, and hoped Mrs. Morgan would not die.

"My husband came to me one day, as he did yesterday," she went on. "He has professed me assistance in my present trouble, and I have decided to accept it."

"NOT A POLYGAMIST." Mrs. Young indignantly denied the stories about her husband and his reported polygamism.

"He is not a polygamist," she declared. "His first wife, by whom he had five children, was a woman of irreproachable character, as I am myself."

Asked as to the specific cause for her attack on Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Young shook her head.

"I cannot tell you that now," she said. "She declared that she had shot me four or five times, and that Mr. Morgan had taken the latter into his arms, and I have decided to accept it."

Mrs. Morgan was so much improved to-day that the New York hospital authorities held out some hope of her recovery.

At the Imperial Hotel, Manager Thomas said that Young had come to this city from Utah and was a Mormon. He connected in the West and had plenty of money. All of the big mining men who come here from the West invariably call upon Young. Senator Clark's son is a close friend of Young.

OFTEN HYSTERICAL. Mr. Townsend said that Young had told him he and his wife often had difficulties because of her deranged mind. Young told him that she was a very rational, but the moment conversation was turned to herself or her child the woman became hysterical and seemed to lose control of herself. Young told Mr. Townsend that some time ago she was going to have an alienist make an examination of her, but that she said that the alienist was still pending.

Mr. Townsend paid a warm tribute to Mrs. Morgan. He said that she was a very estimable young woman and a hard worker. She very often came to the hotel early as 8 o'clock in the morning and worked steadily until midnight or 1 o'clock the following morning.

## THREE AMERICANS

### KILLED IN MEXICO

Four Others Wounded in Ambush Laid by Natives—Soldiers Ordered to the Scene to Restore Order.

### REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

San Antonio, Tex., Aug. 21.—Advices received here from San Luis Potosi give details of the assassination of three Americans at Mexico Station, on the Mexican Central.

A Kansas farmer named Hall and two other families cleared a tract of land and began to farm it. Some wealthy Mexicans endeavored to purchase the land, but the Americans refused to sell.

Yesterday a band of Mexicans ambushed the three families, killing Hall and two companions and scattering the remainder.

Governor Ephraim sent a special train with a company of rurales to the scene to investigate and restore the confidence of the Americans in that section.

In addition to the three Americans killed, four Mexicans were slain and brought to San Luis Potosi by the rurales on Sunday.

DAVIS OFFERS REWARD FOR SLAYER OF ARKANSAS MAN.

### REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Little Rock, Ark., Aug. 21.—Governor Davis to-day offered a reward of \$200 for the arrest and conviction of the persons who shot former Mayor T. J. Tyeart of England, Louisiana County, May 29, 1904, and inflicted wounds of which Tyeart died several weeks later in Little Rock.

The statement was made at the time that the wound was inflicted by the accidental discharge of a pistol in Tyeart's own hands while he was engaged in an altercation on the streets of England, and it was reported that he made an antemortem statement to this effect.

This was not accepted by the widow, however, who offered a reward which is being supplemented by an offer by the Governor.

It is the joy of the household, for without it no happiness can be complete. How sweet the picture of mother and babe, angels smile at and commend the thoughts and aspirations of the mother bending over the cradle. The ordeal through which the expectant mother must pass, however, is so full of danger and suffering that she looks forward to the hour when she shall feel the exquisite thrill of motherhood with indescribable dread and fear.

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## BIG CROWD ATTENDS STATE FAIR OPENING

### Exhibits in All Departments Eclipse Those of Previous Years—Many Imported Horses Shown—Three Races Run.

St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 21.—The fifth annual exhibition of Missouri State Fair opened this morning under the most favorable auspices.

The weather was ideal for fair purposes and the race course and grounds were in excellent condition. The attendance was in excess of 3,000, being much larger than had been expected on the opening day.

The stock show is the largest and best in the history of the fair. The cattle department buildings were inadequate to accommodate the stock, and two temporary annex buildings were constructed to provide stalls for the overflow.

The same condition prevailed in the swine department. Scores of champion hogs were placed in the sheep pens. About 4,000 birds are on exhibition in the poultry building, and extra rows of pens were improvised to accommodate the entries.

LARGE CROP DISPLAYS. The agricultural building is one of the chief points of interest. Within its walls is the largest and best exhibit of the products of Missouri's soil ever shown at the State Fair.

Large displays of Pettis, Salina, Lewis and Cooper are on a large scale and contain the very choicest selection from the matured crops of this year. The late crops of 1904 are also one of the chief exhibits. The exhibits of corn are very large and attract the attention of all visitors.

The horse show is a fair of itself, comprising as it does the best blood of English, French, German and Belgian equines. The stables of E. A. Springs of Westphalia, Ind., alone contain about 100 head of champion imported horses of the highest grade.

The entries in all of the departments are demanding more room, and the fair as a whole makes a wonderful showing of Missouri products.

SUMMARIES OF RACES. There were three races to-day—a harness race by the Gentlemen's Driving Club of this city and two running races. Following is a summary of the races:

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## PRESIDENT'S VIEWS ON IRRIGATION

### ROOSEVELT SENDS MESSAGE TO CONGRESS AT PORTLAND COUNSELING PATIENCE UNTIL BENEFITS OF RECLAMATION ACT BECOME APPARENT.

Portland, Ore., Aug. 21.—The thirteenth annual meeting of the National Irrigation Congress, with more than a thousand delegates present, representing more than four-fifths of the States in the Union, assembled to-day at the Lewis and Clark hotel.

Governor Pardee of California, president of the congress, called the convention to order.

Governor Chamberlain welcomed the delegates to Oregon. Governor Chamberlain prefaced his welcome by emphasizing the importance of irrigation. He criticized severely the existing laws which he believed to be "a hindrance to the conferring sufficient power to condemn private property."

Mr. Pardee, president of the convention, extended a cordial welcome in behalf of the city. Governor Albert E. Mead of Washington was the first of the visitors to respond. He made a brief address in favor of irrigation.

Congressman J. B. Stevens of Texas in his response agreed with Governor Chamberlain's assertion that the reclamation law is faulty, and advocated such reconstruction of the law as would best extend it and make it effective. He thought that the law should be amended so that it would be a part of the reclamation funds to the exclusion of Texas, because of that fact, was unnecessary.

Colonel H. D. Loveland of San Francisco, president of the Pacific Coast Jobbers and Manufacturers Association, and J. Henry Smith of Salt Lake City, followed in short speeches.

When Mr. Mead concluded Governor Pardee summarized the work before the congress in his annual address.

ROOSEVELT'S MESSAGE. A message from President Roosevelt to the congress was read by Gifford Pinchot, chief forester of the United States. The President reviewed the importance of reclamation work in the development of the country, and counseled patience until the operation of the reclamation act should become more extensive.